

Call for Applications

International Exchange of Teachers and Educators:

"Spaces of Holocaust. Majdanek, Bełżec, Sobibór"

09.02 - 14.02.2025

Lublin and Lublin region, Poland

Hosted by: The State Museum at Majdanek and its branches, Museum and Memorial in Sobibór, Museum and Memorial in Bełżec

The **State Museum at Majdanek** in collaboration with the **Topography of Terror Documentation Centre** in Berlin and the **Camp Westerbork Memorial Center** in Hooghalen is pleased to invite educators, teachers, and multipliers from Germany, the Netherlands, and Poland to participate in an **international exchange program** titled:

"Spaces of Holocaust. Majdanek - Bełżec - Sobibór".

This unique program aims to promote cross-cultural dialogue, enrich educational practices related to Holocaust education, and reflect on today's challenges of historical education through the exploration of authentic Holocaust sites. Participants will actively engage in discussions, interpret museum spaces and collections, and collaborate with colleagues from different countries.

Objectives:

- Visit and explore historical sites connected to **Operation Reinhardt** in the Lublin region.
- Expand knowledge about the concentration and death camps of **Majdanek, Bełżec, and Sobibór**, and honor their victims.
- Exchange knowledge, experiences, and ideas with educators from Germany, the Netherlands, and Poland.
- Explore new educational tools and approaches to teaching about the Holocaust.
- Foster openness to diverse cultures of memory and historical perspectives.
- Create a network of educators and multipliers from the three participating countries.

Who Should Apply:

- **24 educators** (8 from each country: Germany, the Netherlands, and Poland).
- Applicants must represent an educational institution or school and have a keen interest in **Holocaust education**.
- The working language of the exchange will be **English**.

Logistics:

- **Date:** 09.02 - 14.02.2025
- **Location:** Lublin and Lublin region, Poland (Majdanek, Belżec, and Sobibór Memorials)
- **Costs covered:** Travel expenses, accommodation, and meals during the program will be provided by the organizers.

Why Participate?

The memorial sites provide invaluable educational potential, enabling participants to expand their historical knowledge, develop emotional sensitivity, and learn how to instill important societal values in their students. Through the lens of the **pedagogy of remembrance**, participants will discuss diverse perspectives and explore innovative ways to teach about the Holocaust.

How to Apply:

To apply, please submit the application form, including a brief motivation statement and relevant experience in Holocaust education, **by December 2, 2024** via email to bildung@topographie.de.

For further information and the application form, please contact bildung@topographie.de.



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APPLICATION FORM

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Name and Surname:
Phone number:
E-mail address:
Institution: <i>(Name, address)</i>
Occupation: <i>(School subject/Position at the institution. If you are a freelancer, please name the relevant institutions where you work.)</i>
Please describe the relevance of Holocaust education to your current role or field of work? <i>(max. 150 words)</i>

What motivates you to apply for this program?

Please explain why you are interested in participating in the "Spaces of Holocaust" exchange and how you believe it will benefit your professional development (max. 150 words).

What are your expectations for this programme? (max. 150 words)

How did you learn about this project?

Have you previously visited any of the following memorial sites: Majdanek, Bełżec, or Sobibór?

If yes, please briefly describe your visit(s) and any key takeaways or reflections you gained from the experience.